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Title: **CHEMICAL STRUCTURE SIMILARITY RANKING SYSTEM AND COMPUTER-IMPLEMENTED METHOD FOR SAME**

PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition to withdraw the above-referenced application from issue pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2). Applicants note that according to Private PAIR, an issue notification was mailed on April 26, 2006. Applicants petition for withdrawal of this application from issue so that the Patent Office may consider several references from related cases that had been inadvertently omitted from the IDS's filed in the above-referenced application. As the Issue Fee has been paid, Applicants request consideration of the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Applicants' representative has spoken with PTO representative Ms. Andrea Smith [(571) 272 3282], who indicated that the associated RCE and IDS (PTO/SB/08a/b) should be faxed herewith to the Petitions Branch, and that hardcopies of the references cited in the IDS should be separately delivered to the USPTO.

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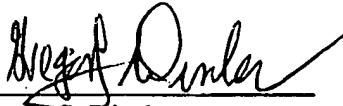
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Applicants authorize the Commissioner to debit our Deposit Account No. 08-0219 for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Respectfully submitted,

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